

**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING  
OF THE CHULA VISTA SAFETY COMMISSION**

**June 12, 2008  
6:00 p.m.**

**Community Room  
Chula Vista Police Department Headquarters**

**CALL TO ORDER**

Meeting called to order at 6:00 p.m.

**1. Roll Call:**

Present: Vice Chair Perrett; Commissioners Cochrane and Caudillo

Absent: Chair Liken and Commissioner Navarro

Also present: Frank Rivera, Principal Civil Engineer; Jim Newton, Senior Civil Engineer; Officer Shon Thurman; and Florence Picardal, Recording Secretary

**2. Pledge of Allegiance/Silent Prayer**

**3. Opening Statement**

Opening statement read by Vice Chair Perrett.

**4. Approval of Minutes: May 8, 2008**

May 8, 2008 minutes were not available.

**5. Safety Commission Attendance Report**

Attendance report was accepted into record.

**MSC (Perrett/Cochrane)** to accept report and excuse this meeting's absence of Chair Liken and Commissioner Navarro. (4-0-2, Liken/Navarro absent)

**6. Oral Communications**

Richard Reyes, 872 Stella St. - There have been many accidents very close to his residence (Stella/Frontage). He requested City assistance, possibly speed bumps. His request was referred to staff for investigation.

**MEETING AGENDA**

**7. Report on request for all-way stops at the intersections of Hidden Vista Drive and Lawn View Drive, Smoky Circle, Krista Court, and Windjammer Circle/ Sanibelle Circle**

At the Safety Commission meeting held on May 8, 2008, staff presented a proposal to modify the speed limit along Hidden Vista Drive south of Smoky Circle. During the discussion Safety Commissioners and neighborhood residents in attendance recommended staff analyze the segment of Hidden Vista Drive from East H Street to Lawn View Drive, considering the installation of all-way stop control at one of the four intersections along the segment. Staff completed the surveys. Vice Chair Perrett explained that there was an error in one of the categories and tonight's report has been revised by staff to show the correct information. The original recommendation was to deny the installation of all-way stop controls at all four intersections. The revised report recommends an all-way stop at one location (Smoky Circle/Hidden Vista). Because the revised information was not available prior to this meeting, public testimony will be

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taken and the item be brought back to the next Safety Commission meeting (July 10, 2008) for action. The location that is being recommended for an all-way stop will have public notice signs posted.

**Staff Recommendation:** That the Safety Commission deny the installation of all-way stop control at three of the four intersections studied and recommend the following actions:

- Installation of all-way stop control devices at the intersection of Smoky Circle and Hidden Vista Drive
- Coordinate with the landscape company responsible for the maintenance of the City open space land along Hidden Vista Drive to see if it is possible to trim the landscaping in a manner that would improve sight distance availability at the following locations:
  - o the northeast corner of Hidden Vista Drive and Krista Court
  - o the northwest corner of Hidden Vista Drive and Smoky Circle
- Coordinate with the homeowner association responsible for the maintenance of landscaping located at the intersection of Hidden Vista Drive and Windjammer Circle/Sanibelle Circle to see if it is possible to trim the landscaping in a manner that would improve sight distance availability at the following locations:
  - o the northwest corner of Hidden Vista Drive and Windjammer Circle
  - o the northeast corner of Hidden Vista Drive and Sanibelle Circle

Recommend that the homeowner association responsible for the maintenance of Windjammer Circle (a private road) install a stop sign at Hidden Vista Drive.

**Public hearing opened.**

The following persons spoke in favor of staff's revised recommendation (all-way stop at Smoky Circle/Hidden Vista):

1. Louis Vignapiano, 597 Parkside Dr.
2. Lillie Hebert, 473 Hidden Vista Dr.
3. Trey Schalge, 403 Windrose Way
4. Gena Franco, 453 Smoky Circle

The following persons spoke in favor of staff's original recommendation (no all-way stops):

1. Barry Scher, 543 Beacon Place Dr.
2. Eric Gibson, 430 Starwood Circle
3. Delinda Leuvano, 571 Parkside Dr.
4. John Finch, 505 Legate Ct.

**Public hearing closed.**

**MSC (Perrett/Cochrane)** to continue the item to the meeting of July 10, 2008. (4-0-2, Liken/Navarro absent)

**8. Presentation by Bill Schlegel on "Wear White at Night" Program**

Bill Schlegel from the Norman Park Center gave a short presentation on the "Wear White at Night" Program. He stated the volunteers for this program would like to work with the community, possibly hold an annual "Wear White at Night" event, and receive a proclamation from the Mayor. Mr. Schlegel was interested in some possible funding from the City, HMOs or insurance companies to purchase reflective arm bands and promotional materials.

**9. Information item regarding two new laws dealing with the use of wireless telephone while driving**

Information from the California Highway Patrol on the new wireless telephone laws was included in the Commission packets. Two new laws will go into effect July 1, 2008. Officer Thurman stated there will be no grace period in the City of Chula Vista.

**10. Traffic Engineering CIP Project Update**

Sr. Civil Engineer Newton stated the Harborside Elementary School project is nearing completion. The flashing beacons have been turned on. The traffic signal at Brandywine/Sequoia is still under construction. The traffic signals and Fourth/Main and Fourth/Beyer are in the design phase.

**11. Traffic Accident Summary**

Officer Thurman reported there were 154 total traffic collisions in April, down from 175 last year. There was an increase of 96 injury accidents compared to 80 last year. Since the last meeting there was one DUI-related accident on Olympic Parkway/Oleander. The department concluded their "Click it or Ticket" campaign - 700 safety belt citations were issued.

**12. Action Summary Update**

Sr. Civil Engineer reported the Lakeshore Dr./Hartford St. and Oleander/Tamarack items still needs to go Council for follow-up. The Hidden Vista Dr. all-way stop is postponed a week. The all-way stop at Cuyamaca/Emerson will be installed soon.

**13. Potential Upcoming Safety Commission Agenda Items**

- All way stop at Hidden Vista Drive

**OTHER BUSINESS**

**14. Commissioner Comments**

Commissioner Moriarty asked why is the City chip sealing the streets? She has received many comments from residents about the chip sealing. Principal Engineering Rivera stated the City has a pavement management program - every public street was ranked based on condition. He went on to explain there are many different ways to repair streets. The best thing a city can do to prolong a road is to do an oil seal coat (chip seal) which cost pennies per square foot. With new streets, in the first 3-5 years, the City likes to do a chip seal because it's less expensive than to let it degrade further which would lead to reconstruction. Chip sealing will not work on the west side because the roadways need another type of reconstruction. East-side streets meet the criteria for chip sealing. A reconstruction project will be done on Broadway from C St. to D St. Everything from F St. south to Main St. has been reconstructed. A drainage pipe needs to be redone. The City has applied for Federal funds - \$3.5 million for 1/4 mile of street. In the 70s and 80s the Montgomery annexation had a lot of streets that were at the point where a lot of money had to be spent for reconstruction. The City's decision was to underground the major streets first, then residential. The City is slowly getting to the residential streets. In the Pavement Program, a new street is ranked at 100. Streets in the 50-60 range need a lot of work. On the average, Chula Vista streets are in the 70 range. Every category of ranking has its preferred method to remediate the poor pavement condition. The chip sealing being done now can only be performed in warm weather.

Discussion ensued regarding illegal turns and citations. Commissioner Cochrane stated road crews are making the sidewalk impassable with construction signs at East H Street. Sr. Civil Engineer Newton responded he would follow-up with the Inspections Section and Public Works Department. Commissioner Cochrane stated the new basketball hoop ordinance is now in effect. Sr. Civil Engineer Newton will follow up with Code Enforcement on fees for violations. Commissioner Cochrane stated he will be volunteering for the Code Enforcement Division.

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**15. Staff Comments**

- . Sr. Civil Engineer Newton will write a letter of support for the "White the Night Program. Commissioner Cochrane stated insurance companies may be able to providing funding for that program. Commissioner Moriarty stated Sharp Rees-Stealy may be able to help with the program and she will contact Mr. Schlegel directly.

**ADJOURNMENT AT 7:45 P.M.** to the next scheduled meeting of July 10, 2008.

Respectfully submitted,

Florence Picardal, Recording Secretary

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